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SUBJECT: DETENTE HAS ITS IRRITANTS IN PAKISTAN

1. SHAH NAWAZ ASKED THAT I CALL ON HIM THIS MORNING AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE. HE SAID AGHA SHAHI, WHO WAS AWAY IN KARACHI, HAD ASKED THAT HE DISCUSS A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS WITH ME.

2. THE FIRST SUBJECT ON HIS AGENDA WAS TO LET ME KNOW THAT HE HAD CALLED IN THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR (AZIMOV) TO PROTEST THE PRAVDA ARTICLE ISSUED BY THEM IN KARACHI TENDING TO IMPLICATE OUR CIA IN THE ASSASSINATION OF FAISAL (ISLAMABAD 3295). HE SAID HE HAD TOLD AZIMOV THAT HE CONSIDERED THIS A PARTICULARLY FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THEIR "THIRD COUNTRY RULE" AND THAT HE WOULD FULLY EXPECT THAT OTHERS WOULD PROCEED TO VIOLATE THEIR INJUNCTION AGAINST CRITICISM OF THIRD NATIONS IF THE SOVIETS CONTINUED THIS PRACTICE.

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3. AZIMOV HAD APPARENTLY REPLIED THAT HE WAS NEW

HERE AND DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE FOREIGN OFFICE
INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS REGARD, SAYING THAT IN ANY
EVENT THEY HAD ONLY BEEN RECEIVED A DAY OR TWO BEFORE.
SHAH NAWAZ REPLIED THAT WHAT HE WAS REFERRING TO WAS
ONLY A REMINDER AND THAT THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONS HAD
BEEN SENT OUT BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN 1970. HE TOOK
ACCOUNT OF THE NEWNESS OF AZIMOV, BUT EXPRESSED SURPRISE
THAT HIS STAFF HAD NOT SEEN TO IT THAT HE WAS BETTER
INFORMED. AZIMOV SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER
AND ASSURED SHAH NAWAZ THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY WISHED TO
COMPLY FULLY WITH THEIR RULES AS GUESTS OF PAKISTAN.
HE MADE REFERENCE, HOWEVER, TO THE FACT THAT OTHER
COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES, HAD ALWAYS
VIOLATED THE RULES, THAT HE HAD EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT
THIS TO BE THE CASE, AND THAT HE COULD FURNISH THEM TO
SHAH NAWAZ IF HE SO DESIRED. SHAH NAWAZ SAID HE HAD
REPLIED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE SUCH PROOF BUT
THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED IT AS YET. I TOLD SHAH NAWAZ
I DOUBTED THAT AZIMOV COULD PRODUCE ANYTHING AUTHENTIC
AND THANKED HIM FOR HIS INITIATIVE ON THIS MATTER.

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